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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Susan Goldberg  
San Jose Mercury News  
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452 S. First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Sunshine Reform Task Force  
FPPC Conflict of Interest Inquiry

Dear Ms. Goldberg and Mr. Pulcrano:

At the meeting of the Sunshine Reform Task Force on July 20, 2006, the Task Force requested that staff seek an opinion from the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") as to whether your affiliation with your respective media organizations creates a conflict of interest as members of the Task Force.

Pursuant to the Task Force's referral, we have informally consulted with the FPPC, which has advised that we gather the following information in order to assist it in its analysis for purposes of issuing a formal response.

1. Do you have an ownership interest in your respective media organizations? If the answer is yes, please state the name of the organization and whether your ownership interest is greater or less than ten (10) percent.
2. Do you receive income from your respective media organizations in an amount greater than \$500 in a calendar year? If the answer is yes, please state the name of the organization.
3. Is the media organization in which you have an ownership interest and/or from which you receive income listed on either the NASDAQ or American

## Stock Exchange?

4. In the most recent fiscal year, did the media organization in which you have an ownership interest and/or from which you receive income have either: (1) net income of \$500,000 or more, or (2) earnings before taxes of \$750,000 or more?
5. Has the media organization in which you have an ownership interest and/or from which you receive income engaged in litigation with the City of San Jose pursuant to the Public Records Act in the past three years? If the answer is yes, please identify and provide a brief description of each case.
6. State the amount of litigation fees and costs incurred by your media organization in or related to litigation with the City of San Jose pursuant to the Public Records Act in the past three years.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**RICHARD DOYLE, City Attorney**

By: /s/  
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Cc: Sunshine Reform Task Force